National Permits of buses to Harijans

618. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of National Permits of buses given to the Harijans during the period from 1986 to 30th September, 1988; and

(b) what are the details of Harijans who have received National Permit for buses during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) National Permits for buses are granted by the State Transport Authorities. The number of such permits for buses were last specified in 1977 for allotment by State Transport Authorities as 50 per State and UT of Delhi and 25 for other Union Territories. There has been no increase in the number since then. There is no provision of reservation for SC/ST for permits under section 63(7) of the Motor Vehicles Act 1939. According to the reports so far received from 22 State Governments/UT Admns. no permit has been granted to any person belonging to Harijan community during 1986-88 In the new Motor Vehicles Act 1988, which is to come into force soon, the restrictions on the number of permits to be granted stand removed, and every applicant would get permit subject to a ceiling of personal holding of 10/20 for individual/company.

Shifting of Western Railway H.Q. from Bombay

619. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand to shift the Western Railway Headquarters from Bombay to Gujarat or Rajasthan;

(b) what are the reasons to continue the Headquarters of Western Railways at Bombay when there is no Western Railway in Maharashtra;

(c) whether any estimate of the expenditure which would be incurred if the Headquarters of Western Railway is shifted to Gujarat or Rajasthan has been worked out; and

(d) if so, what is the likely expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Some requests to this effect have been received.

(b) The location of the Headquarters of a Zonal Railway is decided on operational and administrative considerations and not on the basis of territorial jurisdiction. Based on these, the Headquarters of Western Railway is located at Bombay and it is not proposed to disturb this arrangement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Lack of funds to provide facilities at Ahmedabad Airports

620. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work relating to providing of international airport facilities at Ahmedabad airport has been delayed because of lack of funds with the National Airports Authority (NAA);

(b) what steps Government have taken to provide necessary funds to NAA to enable them to provide international airport facilities at Ahmedabad;

(c) what are the reasons for not entrusting the work to International Airports Authority of India;

(d) by when the work would start and when it would be completed; and

(e) by when international air traffic would start direct from Ahmedabad Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The airport belongs to the National Airports Authority.

(d) A preliminary study for developing the airport for limited international operations has been completed. Work on augmentation of facilities is likely to start during the current financial year. The total period for completion of the work is expected about 18 months from its commencement.

(e) After the proposed developmental works are completed, the Air India would consider starting limited international flights with A-310 type of aircraft.

Shifting of construction division of Western Railway to Bombay

621. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Office of the Construction Division; Western Railway at Ahmedabad has been shifted to Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the staff of the Construction Division has been transferred to Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) With a view to having better co-ordination with other Departments which are located in Western Railway Head Quarters Office in Bombay and also due to substantial reduction in outlays for works in and around Ahmedabad, the Chief Engineer (Construction) has been shifted to Bombay.

(c) Out of 225 Group 'C' staff, only 11 have been transferred to Bombay.

Interpolations/additions made in the films after certification

622. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the interpolations/additions made in the films after their certification;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to stop such practices; and

(c) whether Government have considered the desirability of amending the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the Rules framed thereunder to effectively check the production and exhibition of films eulogising violence, crime and uninhibited sex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) (a) Interpolations/additions in the films after their certification are brought to the notice of the Government from time to time.

(b) As soon as a case of interpolation brought/comes to the notice of the Government, the concerned prints of the films are seized with the help of police. The local police are also asked to initiate legal action against the defaulting party. If necessary, punitive action may be taken under revisional powers of the Central Government conferred under Section 6 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952).

(c) The Central Board of Film Certification examine films presented for issue of a certificate for exhibition in India in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Act and Rules framed thereunder, as well as in accordance with the Guidelines for Certification of films issued by the Central Government under Section 5B of the Act. The guidelines, *inter-alia*, enjoin upon the Board to ensure that:

(i) anti-social activities such as violence are not glorified or justified.

(ii) the *modus operandi* of criminals or other visuals or words likely to incite the commission of any offence are not depicted;

(iii) pointless or avoidable scenes of violence, cruelty and horror are not shown;

(iv) human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity and depravity.